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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR FUR SEAL PROPOSALS

The Department of the Interior announced today that it has called for proposals for the processing and sale for the Government's account, of Alaska sealskins harvested on the Pribilof Islands in Alaska.

The sealskins are harvested each year by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. In recent years, the harvest has averaged about 50,000 male and 30,000 female sealskins.

Under terms of the international treaty for conservation of North Pacific fur seals, Canada and Japan each receive 15 percent of the harvest, and the United States receives 70 percent.

The invitation for proposals is being issued to all fur-processing firms or persons who might be interested in providing one or both of the following services:

- 1. Processing of sealskins from cured stage to the finished luxury product, and promoting market acceptance of the product.
  - 2. Selling the finished sealskins at auction.

The deadline for receiving proposals is March 1, 1964. The proposals must be accompanied by samples of finished furs. The invitation for proposals contains information on procedures to be followed in obtaining raw sealskins.

Copies of the Invitation and Prospectus may be obtained by directing inquiries to the Director, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240. x x x 🎏 .